

# State of North Carolina



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GOVERNOR

## SCOTTISH, SCOTS-IRISH HERITAGE MONTH

2007

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, almost half of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were of Scottish descent, and nine governors of the original thirteen states were of Scottish ancestry; and

WHEREAS, the Scots-Irish are Americans of Scottish origin whose ancestors first colonized northern Ireland in the 1600s before emigrating to the English colonies in North America during the 1700s; and

WHEREAS, the Scots-Irish immigrants to America were devout Presbyterians who dedicated their lives to God and to the ideals of freedom and liberty; and

WHEREAS, the Scottish Treaty of Abroath on 6 April 1320 inspired the contents for America's Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, National Tartans Day is observed each year on the sixth day of April; and

WHEREAS, the Scots-Irish played a pivotal role in winning the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, the Scots-Irish were in the vanguard of frontiersmen who carved a great civilization out of the American wilderness; and

WHEREAS, according the US Census, more than 340,000 North Carolinians today are descendents of Scots-Irish immigrants making North Carolina one of the largest Scots-Irish populations; and

WHEREAS, among the many distinguished Americans of Scots-Irish ancestry are a number of United States Presidents, including the three Presidents from North Carolina: Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk, and Andrew Johnson;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2007, as "SCOTTISH SCOTS-IRISH HERITAGE MONTH" in North Carolina.



MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this third day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirtieth.